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Appl. No. 10/744,639
Amdt. dated July 8, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 24, 2005

PATENT**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, Applicants amend this application and request reconsideration. In this amendment, no claims are added and claims 26-27 are canceled. Claims 1 and 17-25 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Accordingly, claims 2-16 and claims 28-31 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 2-5, 9-16 and 26-31 were objected to as containing informalities. Appropriate correction is made herein. The office action indicated that claims 2-5 and 9-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome this objection (paragraph 8). Accordingly, it is submitted that those claims are properly allowable.

The Office Action also indicated that claims 28-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 28 is rewritten in independent form herein and is submitted to be properly allowable. Because claims 29-31 ultimately depend from allowable claim 28, claims 29-31 are likewise properly allowable.

Claims 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Shedd et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,058,763 in view of Florion et al., U.S. patent No. 5,804,705 and In re Lindberg, 194 F.2d 732. Claims 26 and 27 are cancelled thus obviating this rejection.


In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for

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allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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